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MCACAFE GYM

Acrobatic group to perform

By Zachary Kohlmann
Staff Reporter

Flipping, jumping and spinning will amaze students as a world-famous acrobatic group will perform this weekend.

The Golden Dragon Acrobats is one of the most recognized Chinese acrobatic groups today, recognized nationally for their talents in multiple areas from contortionism to balancing acts.

Eastern will be having an event to display The Golden Dragon Acrobats and their stunts for everyone to witness at 7 p.m. on Saturday in the McAfee Gym.

Karla Centeno, the culture arts coordinator for the University Board, said she is excited to see the acrobatics during the show.

“It’s a great opportunity for not only students, but everyone in the community to witness,” Centeno said. “And we are really lucky to have the opportunity because they are a very busy group.”

Centeno said the event will be different than some other performances Eastern students have seen.

“It will be an amazing show of acrobatics, as well as very out of the ordinary and grand,” Centeno said

Centeno said this will be one of the biggest events this year offered by the UB Culture Arts. She added that they normally are focused on craft sessions and this event will be quite a change of pace.

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CAMPUS

Student Senate begins bylaw revision

Referendum results discussed at meeting

By Amy Wywialowski
Staff Reporter

The Student Senate began the process to revise their bylaws as result of the fall semester strategic plan committee its meeting Wednesday.

Student Senate Speaker Zach Samples explained the approval process and explained how they could make amendments.

In order to make changes, Student Senate members must talk to the proposal authors about a change they feel is necessary. If the proposal author agrees, an amendment can be issued. If they disagree, the member can offer a formal amendment at the next Student Senate meeting.

“I do not really want to vote on it next week, but if that is the consensus we will,” Samples said. “I would prefer to vote on it possibly the week after to give us to time to discuss it and say yes or not to different parts.”

The members will not vote on the document in its entirety but will go through it section by section and vote on each change.

“This is so we don’t have too many pieces of legislation all about the same thing,” Samples said.

After the original authors comments, the Student Senate members questioned them about the possible new seating arraignment, which is to arrange where members sit by committee affiliation. The proposal was tabled.

The Student Senate members voted

to forgo the traditional reading of the bylaws because of the length of the document.

The proposal was tabled as a bylaw change cannot be voted on at first reading, according to the Student Government Constitution.

Student Body President Ed Hotwagner announced the results of the student vote concerning the possible elimination of the student vice president for business affairs position.

Hotwagner said 107 students voted and 89 students, which is 84 percent, voted in favor of the elimination of the position.

“The numbers were not exactly what I was hoping for, my low goal was somewhere in the triple digits of participation,” Hotwagner said.

Hotwagner also swore in new senator Tyler Zimmer.

Zimmer filled the vacant seat of former Student Senate member Pete Zizzo who resigned at the last meeting.

Samples also announced the resignation of Jordan Miller because of scheduling conflicts. Samples said he hopes to fill the seat at the next meeting.

The passed a resolution recognizing the Women’s Basketball team and its achievements. Bradley Sallee and the three captains of the team attended the meeting to receive the recognition.

Also in new business, the members tabled three proposals concerning funding for Panther Service Day, which the Student Senate is co-sponsoring with the Student Community Service office.

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Eastern Illinois women’s basketball coach Brady Sallee, along with team captains Chantelle Pressley, Jordyne Crunk and Ta’Kenya Nixon thank the members of the Student Senate during the senate’s meeting Wednesday in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

PERFORMANCE

Challenges of escaping small town life detailed in play

Comic relief displayed in “GOLD AND COCAINE”

By Samantha McDaniel
Activities Editor

A plot to steal a safe full of money and get out of a small town lead to only \$600 and a car in a play reading on Wednesday.

“GOLD AND COCAINE” by Sally Jane Kerchen-Sheppard was picked for the 10th annual New Works Play Reading.

The play told the story of Woody and Roy Lynn in a their get-rich-quick plot, which would lead Woody to make money and get out of his “one-horse town” in Texas.

Woody, played by Jake Cole, a freshman theatre arts major, was in his early 20s with a high school education and wanted to leave town before starting work at a local meat packing plant.

Caitlin Woody, a freshman com-

munication disorders and sciences major, said she thought their plan was funny and could see people trying it in real life.

“You want to think of the most dramatic way to get where you want to go,” Woody said.

Jeffrey Tangeman, a professor of theatre arts and the director of “GOLD AND COCAINE,” said the play’s idea is how people plan on getting out of their towns.

“I think one of the things the play wright is trying to tell us with this, is to put a humorous spin on the people who try so desperately to get of where they are and sometimes forget how good they have it,” Tangeman said.

Roy Lynn, played by Grant Molen, a junior theatre arts major, just wanted to take his cut and give it to his mother and get tires for his truck.

Their plan was to break into the safe of the local dentist office, which sources told them contained gold and cocaine, was full of comic moments.

The comic relief came from



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Grant Molen, a junior theater arts major, plays the role of Roy Lynn Wednesday during a play reading of Sally Jane Kerschen-Sheppard’s “GOLD AND COCAINE” in Doudna Lecture Hall.

scenes when Woody was annoyed by his long-time best friends antics. These antics included Roy Lynn restlessly asking questions, humming the “Jeopardy” theme song and spinning in the office chair.

When they can not open the

safe, Woody and Roy Lynn try to come up with a plan by getting high on laughing gas and pills around the office.

When dentist Dr. Delmar Ralph, played by Vince Dill, a graduate student, shows up and eventually tells them where to get the com-

bination, as long as they leave him to commit suicide by laughing gas, Woody finds that what is in the safe is not what he thought.

“How much gold do you think a person needs to make a tooth?” Dill said as Dr. Ralph. “Gold bricks? HA!”

Morgan Gardner, a sophomore biology major, said she thought the plan of escaping by robbing the local dentist was ridiculous.

“It is an out there concept that you would think a dentist would have enough money to be able to get out of town,” Gardner said.

Lajuan Berry, a freshman biology major, said she thought Woody and Roy Lynn’s plot was comical.

“It’s a small town and if you have his car, they are going to know it was you,” Berry said.

The idea of the need to escape this town was shown through Woody’s depression and resignation after seeing the contents of the safe.

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EIU weather

TODAY



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FRIDAY



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CORRECTION

Brian Bower's name was spelled incorrectly in Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* in the article titled "Ballot issues slow down results."

The News regrets the error.

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FUNDRAISER

Fraternity fights cancer with karaoke

By Robyn Dexter
Campus Editor

Members of the Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity raised money for cancer victims while having fun at a karaoke night called "Can You Sing For Cancer?"

Nearly all the attendees of the event, which took place Wednesday at the 7th Street Underground, were members of the business fraternity.

Participants could pay \$2 to sing and were given the opportunity to choose what song they wanted to sing.

Aside from the karaoke, Dominique Thomas-Green, the vice president of community service for the fraternity, had three posters displayed.

The posters were labeled "Battling Cancer," "Cancer Survivor" and "Lost Battle to Cancer."

Attendees had the opportunity to write the names of family members and friends on the posters to which they applied.

"We're going to donate the posters to Relay for Life," Thomas-Green said.

She also said the group is considering putting the posters up in Lumpkin Hall before the relay for other students to sign.

Ashley Copple, the senior vice president of the fraternity, said some of the names on the posters were surprising to her when she saw names she recognized.

"It really opens your eyes to cancer, seeing the names on the posters," she



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Identical twins Jessica and Hillary Blake sing the Olsen twins' song "I Am The Cute One" at Delta Sigma Pi's karaoke night Wednesday at the 7th Street Underground. Participants paid \$2 to sing, with all proceeds going directly to the American Cancer Society.

said.

Fraternity member Tiffany Allen said she had a great time singing and was glad she came to the event.

"A lot of people are fighting cancer, we just don't realize it," she said.

Jerine Murphy, a senior communication studies major, said she came to support Thomas-Green, who is her roommate.

"She worked really hard on this and it paid off," she said.

Murphy performed "Bump N' Grind" by R. Kelly.

Other song performances included Shania Twain's "Man, I Feel Like a Woman," Adele's "Someone Like You" and Wiz Khalifa's "Black and Yellow."

Thomas-Green said she wished the event had a better turnout, but she thought everyone who attended still had fun.

"I came up with the idea for a can-

cer benefit because my aunt passed away from cancer in September," she said.

The group raised \$54 that they will directly to the American Cancer Society.

"We raised more than I expected, so I'm happy with the results," Thomas-Green said.

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CAMPUS

RHA prepares for new executive board

By Elizabeth Grubart
Staff Reporter

The Residence Hall Association is gearing up for elections that will determine who will be on the executive board next year.

The elections will take place at 5 p.m. today in Lawson Hall.

The candidates include Eddie Hillman for president, Amanda Krch and Nick Allen for vice president, Dawn Howe for secretary, and Mike Eckert for treasurer.

RHA has specific jobs for each of the executive board positions.

According to the RHA constitution, the president's responsibilities include upholding the RHA constitutions, attending all regular and special meetings as well as conferences, is the

official representative and spokesperson of RHA, and serves as chair of the president's council.

The role of the vice president includes assuming the duties of the president in time of absence or disability, serving as ex-officio chairperson of all committees, keeping the constitutions and bylaws up to date, and appointing chairmen and members of all committee reports.

The treasurer's responsibilities include keeping accurate files of RHA transactions, presenting budgets, and coordinating the fundraising efforts, according to the RHA constitution.

The secretary notifies all members of all regular and special meetings, keeps files and accurate records at all meetings, coordinates RHA retreats, is the primary operator on the RHA

email account and updates the website, according to the RHA constitution.

Dawn Howe, a senior elementary education major, is running for the secretary position and said she was excited to see the turnout for next year's executive board.

"I am very honored to be nominated for the position of RHA secretary for the 2012-2013 school year," Howe said. "I think that this would be a great leadership opportunity for me."

She said that the position would allow her to learn new aspects of what it takes to be a leader and meet other fantastic leaders that have the same ambition as her.

Nick Allen, a freshman business management major running for the position of vice president, said he is

anxious for the election.

"I am really nervous for it because it will define the RHA experience for next year," Allen said. "I think, no matter what happens next year, the foundation that the current executive board has built is great for next year."

Andrew Lilek, a junior art major and current vice president of RHA, said he is excited to see what the new executives will bring to the RHA organization as a whole.

"I think that, no matter what our executive board for next year is, it will be great," Lilek said. "Each has the potential to be able to fill the shoes of each of us leaving our positions next year."

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DAY IN THE LIFE

Bailiff witnesses changes in Charleston over years

By Kathryn Richter
City Editor

Editor's Note: This is a day in the life series, which focuses on individuals in Charleston.

At 8 a.m. the Charleston Courthouse is only lightly populated with attorneys and judges filing in here and there, clutching mugs of coffee and overstuffed files.

The Rolling Stones' "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" hums through the security station as the officers prepare for the rush of people they will eventually see today.

Mike Curtis, a bailiff at the courthouse, has witnessed this morning routine for more than a decade.

Curtis, who has had careers in law enforcement and the Illinois Department of Transportation, said his favorite job has been the ones dealing with the law.

After entering into law enforcement in 1962, about 10 years after he graduated high school, Curtis said he took the test and was surprised to find that he ranked the third highest and had a knack for law enforcement.

When he became sheriff in 1966, Curtis only had nine officers, two squad cars and a monthly salary of \$370.

Curtis said he ran for sheriff only

because the person who was running against him would not keep him as a deputy if he won the position.

"I made a point to beat him," Curtis said. "I worked hard at it."

Curtis said when he was a sheriff in the '60s, the types of crimes he saw varied differently in comparison to today.

"Our problems then where a lot different than now," Curtis said.

He said drugs were not as big of a problem then it is today, but alcohol infractions have always been a problem.

Curtis said one time a man came into court late to see the judge and was "so drunk he was falling down." He said when the judge asked him why he was late, the man said he got stuck in traffic.

"We all laughed because if he was driving, we were all in trouble," Curtis said.

Curtis said the most common occurrences that manage to get defendants in trouble are missing appointments with the court. If a defendant misses an appointment with the court, the judge can file a warrant for arrest for failure to appear in court, he said.

The most common infractions that he sees in Charleston are minors possessing alcohol, truancy, operating under the influence, methamphet-

amine possession and underage tobacco use, he said.

Curtis said he was the bailiff in the longest felony court case, the 2001 murder of Eastern student Shannon McNamara where Eastern student Anthony Mertz was charged with her murder.

Curtis said in remembrance of her, he planted a white pine on his property.

"We all kind of felt like it was our fault," Curtis said.

Curtis said another memorable case happened when he was sheriff and a man, who had been in and out of jail plenty of times, came into the jail and was complaining about his wife.

The man asked what would get him six months in jail, and Curtis said he thought he was joking and said that if he took a swing at him then that would probably do it.

Curtis said the man knocked out a deputy and when a judge sentenced him, he was given nine months.

"And he said (to the judge) 'I only wanted six months your honor,'" Curtis said. "We had some really colorful people back then."

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Make way for the queen



KIMBERLY FOSTER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Semhal Hailu, a sophomore biological sciences major, represents a queen Wednesday while being carried by members of the African Student Association walking and performing a West African tribal chant as they parade around campus. The group was advertising for the ASA Fashion Show: A Night at the Museum to take place today with a museum display opening at 6 p.m. and the show beginning at 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The events together are called From Culture to Couture

ONLINE LEARNING COMMITTEE

CAA to hear research on online learning

Staff Report

Members of the Online Learning Committee will present their research to the Council on Academic Affairs today.

The council will meet at 3 p.m. in Room 4440 of Booth Library. At 2 p.m., the council will break up into its four learning-goal subcommittees, which consist of critical thinking, speaking, writing and

global citizenship.

The Online Learning Committee is comprised of 13 faculty and staff members. Blair Lord, the provost and vice president for academic affairs, created the committee and asked the members to complete five tasks.

The tasks are to: analyze current online course offerings and assess the role of these courses in different colleges and departments, re-

view scholarly debates on online learning, compare Eastern's online learning strategies with peer institutions, recommend priorities for distance education, and make policy recommendations to the Council on Academic Affairs, the Council on Graduate Studies and the Council on Teacher Education.

On Tuesday, Jeff Stowell, a member of the Online Learning Committee and an associate pro-

fessor of psychology, presented the committee's findings to the Faculty Senate.

During the meeting, Stowell said online courses can never replace face-to-face instruction, but the two can effectively co-exist.

Part of the committee's research was on different trends for online courses including: how Eastern compares to other universities, how many online courses East-

ern has offered over the years, how many online courses different departments offer, and different demographics of students who have taken online courses.

According to the information the committee gathered, about 25 percent of Eastern students have taken one or more online courses from Fall 2007 to Fall 2011.



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STAFF EDITORIAL

Low turnout unacceptable in November

If you decided not to vote Tuesday, you were not alone.

According to the Associated Press's numbers, the turnout at the polls seems to be the lowest in decades and maybe the lowest of all time. The lowest turnout on the state records came in 1960, when just 23 percent of registered voters cast ballots. Officials in several election districts said Tuesday's turnout was around 20 percent.

The low turnout came about despite Illinois voters being an important part of the Republican presidential primary battle. The bulk of the primary battle is usually over before Illinois gets to cast their ballots. Last time around, John McCain had already sealed the GOP nomination. On Tuesday, Illinois voters had to opportunity to affect the outcome of the GOP race but didn't.

Although we encourage all those who can vote to exercise that right at every opportunity, we understand why some college students chose not to vote Tuesday.

The majority of Eastern students do not have a permanent home in Coles County, so they may not be registered to vote in the local Coles County elections.

Some students may not have voted because they don't feel a part of the local community and believed they were either unqualified to choose or unaffected by the outcome. We argue that students are perfectly qualified and greatly affected, and that it is in their interest to make their voices heard.

Of course, it makes sense that many students weren't attracted to the star of Tuesday's show, the Republican Presidential Primary. The majority of college students tend to be liberal-leaning. According to *The New York Times'* exit polls, Obama captured 66 percent of voters aged 18-29 in the 2008 election.

But there is another reason students may not have voted: many of them are registered in their home town. The process for registering in a new location is too easy for this to be an excuse not to vote. And while Tuesday's primary election may not have been enough to get Eastern students out to the polls, the November general election absolutely should.

The outcome of the November election will affect the future of the nation, but it will affect college students and recent graduates especially.

How much financial aid, how much loan forgiveness and how many job opportunities the federal and state governments will dedicate to students will depend on which candidates win office in November.

That is why it is important that students make sure they can vote in the November election. If you will be returning to Charleston in the fall, you need to make sure you are registered to vote in Coles County before the election has come and gone. There is no better time than now. Don't be stuck sitting on your hands wishing you could vote while the rest of the country decides your fate for you.

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COLUMN

GOP path to president may prove parliamentary

I don't think I'm alone in thinking there is nothing much better than people putting aside their differences and working together toward a common goal. One of the areas of life in which this happy event does not often happen is American politics. That's why there is speculation that the current Republican presidential primary could result in what is commonly referred to as a "brokered convention."

Allow me to explain: Whichever Republican presidential candidate gains the majority of delegates through successful showings at caucuses and primaries, like the one we had in Illinois Tuesday, will gain the party's nomination. This means the goal for Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum, Newt Gingrich and Ron Paul is to be the first one to get to 1,144 delegates before the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla., which starts Aug. 27, 2012.

As of press time, *The New York Times* reported on its website that, including so-called "super delegates" who can pick whichever candidate they want regardless of what the voters say, Romney has 563 delegates, Santorum has 263, Gingrich has 135 and Paul has 50.

With 25 contests left to go and 1,273 delegates still up for grabs, the possibility remains that none of the candidates will have the 1,144 delegates needed to win the nomination going into the convention.

Should that happen, it will be the first time since 1976 that the Republicans have gone to the convention without a nominee. Then, it was a close race between just two candidates,



Doug T. Graham

then-President Gerald Ford and future-President Ronald Reagan. Now it has the potential to be a race between four people who each have enough delegates to influence the final count.

I am not in the prediction business, but I believe there is a possibility that if Romney does not secure the 563 delegates he still needs to achieve a majority, there is an opportunity for some of the "setting aside of differences" I mentioned at the top of this column by the three other candidates.

The cliché may go, "Democrats fall in love, Republicans fall in line," but if we get into June and July, and Santorum and Gingrich have captured enough delegates for Romney to be more than a hundred shy of 1,144, I can see a scenario wherein Gingrich offers his delegates to Santorum in exchange for a vice presidential spot on his ticket. And don't count out Ron Paul's small stack of delegates. Even if he doesn't win a single additional delegate until the convention, 50 delegates could be all Romney or the possible Santorum/Gingrich ticket needs to gain the majority.

If any sort of delegate deal were to take place at the convention, it would be an example of something that I think is quite refreshing: a bald, politically motivated act of cooperation.

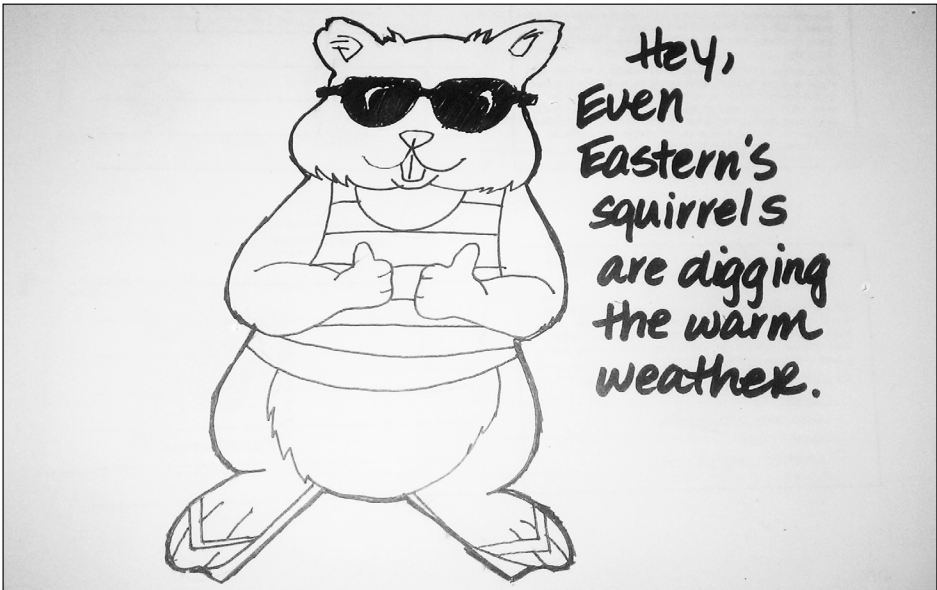
My cynical side suggests to me that politicians will never act purely for altruism. The only kind of cooperation that exists in politics is one where there is personal gain involved, and that is not necessarily a bad thing. Nothing greases the wheels of democracy like some political incentive. So the only kind of cooperation we are going to get is of the "let's pool delegates so we can share power "variety."

There is certainly precedent for opposing political candidates giving up their tough, campaign-hardened public images to join forces. After the votes had been counted in the 2010 British parliamentary elections, none of the three main parties had a majority. The Conservative party had 306 of the 326 seats needed for a majority. The Labour party had 258 and the Liberal Democrats, furthest from them on the political spectrum, had just 57. The Conservatives and Liberals joined forces and formed a coalition government to gain the majority.

If the Conservative and Liberal Democrat parties can put aside their differences to run a country, certainly a conservative and moderate politician can forgive each other's campaign barbs and run a presidential campaign.

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FROM THE EASEL



SHELLEY HOLMGREN | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

COLUMN

Lessons from New Orleans: we can't ignore AIDS

Being around people with AIDS is not something I ever thought I would consider doing willingly. That was before I headed down to New Orleans, along with six other students, to help victims of HIV/AIDS.

We left at 6 a.m. the Saturday of Spring Break—the ass-crack of dawn—as part of an alternative spring break trip where we would all mosey our way down to the city.

I was nervous. Thoughts sped through my mind like Superman on anabolic steroids. How would I react when I was in their presence? How would they react to me? Would they be able to tell that I was nervous? I'm sure I was restless and fidgety during the 12-hour drive down to the home of the now-disgraced New Orleans Saints. The place where Anderson Cooper (squeal) spent a big chunk of time and where Zaterain's (yum) was born—a place that has seen more devastation than most of us would like to acknowledge. But, I digress.

The car ride was not that bad because, for the most part, I slept quite a bit—I stayed up the night before to prepare. It was the waiting that was tough. Waiting to get there, waiting to see how I would act.

But, between sleep, reading and "Water for Elephants"—thanks built-in DVD player—12 hours went by fast.

Pulling into the city, I was mesmerized by



Nike Ogunbodede

the life of the people, the sounds of trumpets and the smells—I was stoked.

Bags and fellow volunteers in tow, we walked into the New Orleans-style house in a mellowed-down version of "The Real World" (pre-Chicago season) ready to change the lives of the downtrodden. Boy, were we wrong.

The time we spent with the 23 residents of Project Lazarus was probably the most influential time of my life—more than the times I've spent in church or in a classroom.

The people I met strengthened my faith not only in God, but in the depth of the human soul and, by extension, human existence. The optimism I saw was amazing.

But the thing that really touched me was how open the residents were. They shared their life stories and gave insight into a life that they normally would have hidden. And I don't think they should have to hide.

One in four people that have HIV/AIDS do not know they have it, according to a New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene report. Scary, isn't it?

HIV/AIDS is something that should concern everyone, but not to the point of mayhem. Educate yourself, because as much as I want to tell you everything I learned and felt, this page is just not big enough. The best defense against diseases is knowledge.

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ACROBAT, from page 1

Centeno said audience members will also learn from the event.

“Many will be exposed to China’s culture through the music, sound and attire,” Centeno said.

McAfee Gym doors will open at 6 p.m. to allow people to find their seats and the show will run until 9 p.m.

Audience members who purchase a ticket, will be invited to the UB Culture Arts lantern workshop that is being offered right before the event at 5 p.m.

Centeno said this workshop is an opportunity for students, families and individuals alike to come and fashion their own Chinese lantern, which was a previous event

during the Chinese New Year.

Tickets are \$2 for students and audience members 62 years and older, \$6 for general admission, \$5 per person for groups of 7 members or more, and children 5 and under are free.

Tickets are on sale now at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union ticket office.

Centeno said she is looking forward to the event.

“Overall it will just be a good time,” Centeno said.

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PLAY, from page 1

Cole as Woody sighs, “It’s over. The whole point of this was to sell the gold and cocaine, get rich, and get out of town. Now it is over.”

Woody also said later, “I just really wanted out, you know? I thought this was my big chance. I’m stuck here forever I guess.”

Nick Shaw, a professor of theatre arts, read the stage directions during the play reading.

Cole said he thought the idea of trying to get out of a small town connects with the audience members.

“Especially when you are doing it in a town like Charleston, it probably hits home more than it would in places like L.A.,” Cole said.

Tangeman said he thinks the play does a good job of showing the relationships of the characters.

“I think we see that in Woody’s journey, he shows up he’s kind of annoyed by his friend Roy Lynn,

and is working so hard to get this gold and this money and get out of town. When all that falls apart, the one thing he has to rely on is the one thing he finds to be inconvenient and annoying from the beginning, and that is his friend.”

Cole said he liked his characters journey.

“I think my favorite part is seeing the struggle of trying to get out of the situation he is in and the cruddy way he goes about doing that,” Coles said. “It is comical but it is true and sad at the same time.”

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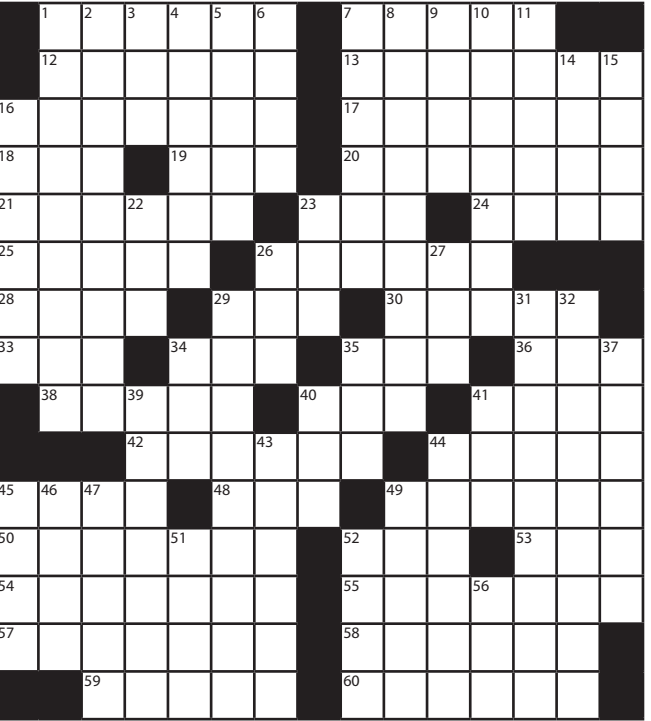
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TENNIS

Wind doesn't stop team from getting victory

Weather brings crowd, good energy for tennis team

By Dominic Renzetti
Sports Editor

The Eastern women's tennis team closed out its non-conference portion of the schedule with a 6-1 win over Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis on Tuesday, bringing the Panthers to an overall record of 4-6 on the season.

Wind becomes factor early on

Aside from temperatures being in the 80s, the wind became a factor throughout the meet, affecting both the Panthers and the Jaguars. Junior Merritt Whitley said the wind added an extra challenge during the match. "The wind was really difficult," she said. "The wind was kind of a challenge, to say the least. It just kind of

made you have to play tougher, kind of grind more, make sure you're prepared earlier for your shot, and it made you have to have really good footwork. It was a challenge, but I think we all handled it pretty well." Whitley said the wind became a challenge in her singles match against IUPUI's Alisha Cummings, which she won by scores of 6-1 and 6-2. "I thought singles went pretty good. It was a bit of a challenge with the wind, but I definitely battled through it," she said. "I just kind of buckled down, got through every point, kept my focus and did what I needed to do to get the win."

Dibbs continues to improve

Senior Amanda Dibbs came away with wins in both singles and doubles. Dibbs defeated IUPUI's Shelby Hullett, while she and partner Annie Egan, also a senior, took down Vanessa Whyte and Abbey Neff. "Amanda Dibbs, she had a really good day battling," Whitley said.

"She was down in the first set 5-2, and then she just came back and just dominated. I think it was a really big win for her."

Team excited to play at home

Whitley said the team was excited to play its first match of the season at Darling Courts. "It was very exciting," she said. "We had a pretty good crowd, we had beautiful weather for the most part, besides the wind. I thought the energy was really good with the team. We were all really pumped and motivated for our first home match, so I think it went really well." The Panthers will play at Darling Courts five more times this season, all against Ohio Valley Conference opponents. The Panthers will continue play this weekend against OVC opponents Jacksonville State and Tennessee State. The match against Jacksonville State starts at 10 a.m. Saturday, while the match against Tennessee



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Freshman Sephora Boulbahaïem goes for a return Tuesday during her doubles match with partner Kristen Laird against Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis on the Rex Darling Courts. The women's tennis team pulled out a 6-1 overall win despite significant wind during the match. State starts at 11 a.m. Sunday. Both matches will be at Darling Courts.

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BASKETBALL, from page 8

Sallee said the short time following that game was when the team had to finally admit, "We're in trouble. We have to get this fixed." "That was the first time, even though the doubt and lack of trust started coming in with the 35-foot shot at Martin, we had to admit that when we lost to SIUE," Sallee said. Following the loss, Eastern lost a game "we had to business losing" to Morehead State, Sallee said. Then, the Panthers beat Eastern Kentucky by three points and lost in the OVC Tournament and Women's National Invitational Tournament. "When you have a fragile team that is searching for answers playing on the road, it brings a tough factor into it," Sallee said. It wasn't until after the OVC Tournament loss to Tennessee Tech Sallee said

the Panthers finally got a chance to rest and regroup. The Panthers had 13 days between the Tennessee Tech and Texas Tech game, whereas the Panthers played six games in 20 days to end the regular season and OVC Tournament. The Panthers lost to Texas Tech, but Sallee said he was happy to end the season with how well the team fought in the game. Even so, Sallee said it's disappointing to look back on the season knowing your team didn't reach its potential. "We could not get over that let down, that shot going in," Sallee said. "That was the defining blow."

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SOFTBALL, from page 8

Going into the seventh inning, the game was all squared up at 0-0. Maday had only allowed two hits at this point and was dominating on the mound. Eastern had a chance to win the game in the bottom of the seventh, but were unable to prevail. Senior outfielder Maria Sorrentino led off the inning for Eastern with a pinch-hit bunt single. She then moved over to second base on a sacrifice bunt by senior Amanda Bilina. Third baseman Ashleigh Westover stepped up to the plate and grounded out, which resulted in Sorrentino being gunned down at third. Freshman Bailey O'Dell came to the plate with two outs, and smashed a double to deep left. Westover tried to score from home but was thrown out to end the inning. That would be the closest Eastern came to victory in the game. The game continued on into the ninth inning, when the Cougars finally broke the 0-0 tie with a four run frame. Eastern was unable to recover and ended up losing 4-0. Maday pitched brilliantly but ended up with the loss. She went nine innings while only allowing six hits and four runs (two earned). She also struck out six batters.

Lambrecht pitched nine innings while only allowing six hits in route to the complete game shutout. Game two would also prove to be a well-played game. Sophomore pitcher Hanna Mennenga picked up where she left off over the break and led the Panthers to a victory. For the game, she threw a seven inning complete game gem, giving up seven hits and striking out five. She only allowed one run to cross the plate. O'Dell and junior catcher Abby Wood paced the Panthers at the plate. O'Dell was two-for-four with an RBI double. Wood went two-for-three with an RBI to go along with an outstanding defensive performance. Eastern now has an overall record of 11-11, and an OVC record of 3-4. The final game of its series against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville will be played in Edwardsville on March 29. The Panthers will be in action again today as they play a doubleheader against Missouri State at 4 p.m. at Williams Field.

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PAYTON, from page 8

"We are all accountable and responsible for player health and safety and the integrity of the game," he said. "We will not tolerate conduct or a culture that undermines those priorities. No one is above the game or the rules that govern it. Respect for the game and the people who participate in it will not be compromised." Payton has been the Saints' head

coach since 2006 and was the 2007 NFL Coach of the Year. Payton played for Eastern from 1983-86, setting the record for single season passing yards with 10,655. Payton had his No. 18 jersey retired in 2010. Dominic Renzetti can be reached at 581-7942 or dcrenzetti@eiu.edu.

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NFL suspends Eastern alum after bounty scandal

By Dominic Renzetti
Sports Editor

New Orleans Saints head coach and Eastern alum Sean Payton was suspended for the 2012 season by the National Football League on Wednesday.

The suspension comes after an investigation by the NFL, which discovered a bounty program where Saints players were paid thousands of dollars for “knockout” hits on high-profile players, such as Kurt Warner and Brett Favre.

Payton will be suspended without pay beginning April 1. Former Saints defensive coordinator Gregg Williams, currently the defensive coordinator of the St. Louis Rams, has been suspended indefinitely, effective immediately. Williams’ sta-

tus will be reviewed by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell at the end of the 2012 season. The Saints organization was fined \$500,000, while Mickey Loomis, the team’s general manager, has been suspended without pay for the first six regular season games of the 2012 season. Assistant coach Joe Vitt is also suspended without pay for the team’s first six regular season games.

Goodell said in a press release that he intended to send a message that this form of play would not be

allowed in the NFL.

“When there is targeting of players for injury and cash rewards over a three-year period, the involvement of the coaching staff, and three years of denials and willful disrespect of the rules, a strong and lasting message must be sent that such conduct is totally unacceptable and has no place in the game,” he said.

Goodell also emphasized the health and safety of players.

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SOFTBALL

Eastern splits a pair of games with SIU-E

Pitching rules the day as Panthers split doubleheader with conference foe

By Erik Jensen
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The Eastern softball team split a pair of games with the Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Cougars in the Panthers’ home opener Wednesday at Williams Field.

Game one turned out to be an extra-inning thriller, ending in nine innings with the Cougars coming out victorious, 4-0.

Sophomore pitcher Stephanie Maday took the mound in game one and pitched all nine innings for the Panthers.

Maday, who was just named the Ohio Valley Conference player of the week, entered the game with a 7-5 record and a 2.45 ERA.

Pitching against Maday for the Cougars would be Amanda Lambrecht, who entered the day with an 8-6 record. Lambrecht also went the full nine innings in a classic pitchers duel.

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Sophomore Hanna Mennenga pitches game two of the Panthers double-header Wednesday night. The Panthers won the second game 4-1 after losing in the first game 4-0 on Williams Field.

BASKETBALL

UT-Martin loss broke ‘fragile’ team

Team sank under pressure, Sallee says

By Alex McNamee
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Tennessee-Martin’s Taylor Hall may be responsible for triggering the Eastern women’s basketball team’s downfall at the end of this season.

The Panthers were on cloud nine going into their Feb. 11 match-up with the Skyhawks, the future Ohio Valley Conference champions, with a 20-4 record overall and undefeated in the OVC.

The Panthers fought back from a 12-point deficit to take a lead, but with five seconds remaining in the game Hall sank a desperation 35-foot shot to tie the game and send it to overtime.

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said the Panthers “mentally went night-night” after the shot. From that moment on, watching that shot go in Sallee said the team couldn’t get over it.

“It was something that all of a sudden all of the doubts that were deep down in the back of our heads came to the forefront,” Sallee said.

The Skyhawks blew out Eastern in overtime to send the Panthers on their way to a rocky end to the season. After the loss, Eastern lost four of its last six games of the season.

Looking back, Sallee said Hall’s shot plus Eastern’s tough schedule – six of seven final games on the road or at neutral sites – equaled a bad equation for his team.

“The adversity we had to handle in the pursuit of a championship was something we had some kids not handle real well,” Sallee said.

Some players handled it well, like junior guard Ta’Kenya Nixon, who averaged 26 points per game in the last three games. Others scored fewer points than they had all season. Junior forwards Mariah King and Sydney Mitchell lost nearly a point from each of their season averages.

Nixon raised her game, but didn’t have the help of others stepping up, like the teams who went far in the OVC tournament did.

Sallee said the two teams who played in the OVC title game, Tennessee-Martin and Tennessee Tech, had two players who took charge.

In the only game Eastern played in the tournament, Nixon scored 23 points. The next best scorers were King and Mitchell with 11 and 10 points, respectively. The team Eastern played, Tennessee Tech, had two players score over 20 points and two with 10 points.

“You have opportunities as a player to step up as a player or step out,” Sallee said. “We weren’t as fortunate.”

The Panthers bounced back from the Tennessee-Martin loss with a one-point, road win against Tennessee Tech two days later; however, Sallee said he and the players weren’t as happy as they let on.

“We had kids not wanting to take shots,” Sallee said. “We clammed up, but we won.”

The next game was Eastern’s last at home, against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. The Panthers lost, tainting their perfect home record, in what Sallee said was virtually the same game they played against Tech.

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